Disinvestment of National Fertilizers Limited

*94. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) is one of the profit generating PSUs and playing a crucial role in providing nutrients to the agricultural sector all over the country;

(b) if so, the details of the performance of the NFL;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is slating to disinvest NFL despite the serious objection from the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The physical/financial performance of National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) during the last 5 years is as under:-

Particulars	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Production (MT):					
UREA	3197633	3144588	3136776	2935799	3190666
CAN	175683	221510	155417	107140	41564
Capacity Utilization (%)	113.9	111.1	110.0	93.6	99.5
Sales Turnover (Rs. crores)	2221.6	2289.53	2452.66	2808.74	2943.13
Net Profit after tax (Rs. crores)	189.01	41.15	34.89	27.31	40.61

(c) and (d) There is no objection from the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers regarding disinvestments of National Fertilizers Limited.

Deteriorating situation in cities and villages

†*95. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of completion of integrated development schemes of cities and villages under Five Year Plans,

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the situation of most of the cities and villages in the country is deteriorating, barring a few exceptions; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has been implementing several urban development schemes like Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) which is in operation since 1979-80, Infrastructure Development in Mega cities, accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP), Low cost sanitation Scheme for Liberation of Scavengers (LCS), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY), National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), The Ministry of Rural Development has also been implementing schemes for employment generation, poverty alleviation, watershed development, habitat development, drinking water supply, sanitation and rural connectivity in the rural areas of the country to improve the quality of life in villages. The increased demands for infrastructure services on account of increasing population are met through augmentation of such services.

Monitoring of ship traffic

*96. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed state-of-the-art system to monitor ship traffic and the names of ports where it is proposed to be installed;

(b) the manner in which the safety of ships in navigation would be monitored, besides control of incoming and outgoing ships from the ports; and

(c) the ultra-modern systems that have been developed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VED PRAKASH GOYAL): (a) to (c) The term state-of-the-art system to monitor ship traffic is